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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Sydney—Examination of rodents for plague infection.

The following information is taken from the plague bulletin issued by the department of public health of New South Wales, October 18:

Week ended October 16. Rodents destroyed 1,157, examined 37, found infected 0.

Last case of human plague: Reported May 29, 1909.

Last case of rodent plague: Found June 15, 1909.

CHINA.

Amoy—Inspection of vessels—Cholera and plague.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Foster reports, November 4:

Week ended October 30. Bills of health issued: October 25, the British steamship *Kaifong* with 59 in crew and 39 cabin passengers for Manila, Iloilo, and Cebu, granted a supplemental bill of health. One passenger rejected for trachoma. Vessel anchored in the stream while in port. All on board inspected at time of sailing. Manifests viséed for 126 pieces of freight. October 27, the British steamship *Taisang* with 64 in crew and 42 cabin and 165 steerage passengers for Manila granted an original bill of health. Two passengers rejected for favus. Crew and steerage passengers bathed and their clothing disinfected by steam. All on board inspected at time of sailing. Vessel anchored in the stream while in port. Manifests viséed for 2,320 packages of freight.

During the week ended October 30 there were reported 40 deaths from plague and 30 from cholera in Amoy.

Hongkong—Examination of emigrants.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports, November 4 and 9: Weeks ended October 30 and November 6. Quarantine restrictions enforced by and against Hongkong remain as reported October 23.

Aliens for Honolulu and Pacific coast ports.—Week ended October 30. Examined 81, rejected 8. Week ended November 6. Examined 30, rejected 4.

Aliens for Philippine Islands.—Week ended October 30. Examined 17, rejected 2. Week ended November 6. Examined 19, rejected 4.

INSPECTION AND DISINFECTION OF VESSELS.

Week ended October 30.

Vessels granted bills of health	9
Total members of crews	959
Total cabin passengers	270

Total steerage passengers	238
Members of crews bathed	818
Steerage passengers bathed	238
Pieces of baggage disinfected	935
Vessels disinfected to kill rats	2
Crews' quarters disinfected:	
By formaldehyde	6
By sulphur	3

Week ended November 6.

Vessels granted bills of health	12
Total members of crews	1,074
Total cabin passengers	183
Total steerage passengers	189
Members of crews bathed	831
Steerage passengers bathed	180
Pieces of baggage disinfected	1,014
Vessels disinfected to kill rats	3
Crews' quarters disinfected:	
By formaldehyde	9
By sulphur	3

CUBA.

Cienfuegos—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Suarez reports, December 6:

Week ended December 4.

Vessels inspected	3
Bills of health issued	3
Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected	89

No quarantinable disease reported.

Matanzas—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, December 6:

Week ended December 4. Bills of health issued to 2 vessels bound for ports in the United States. No quarantinable disease reported. The department of sanitation reports the inspection of 3,842 houses from November 20 to 30.

Santiago—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, December 10:

Week ended December 4. Bills of health issued to 6 vessels bound for the United States and its dependencies. No vessel disinfected. The sanitary department reports 3,108 houses inspected.

ECUADOR.

Quito—Increase of plague in Guayaquil.

Minister Fox reports, November 17, through the Department of State, that plague is increasing in Guayaquil and that the railway authorities have been requested to take measures to prevent the spread of the disease by traffic to the interior of Ecuador.